2019 New Hampshire Library of the Year

The Goffstown Public Library has been recognized and named as the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association’s 2019 Library of the Year. The award was presented in a ceremony at the Library on October 10 at 6 p.m.

Aimee Huntemann, Chair of the Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees, made the announcement on Friday, September 20, and said “The efforts of our Library Director, Dianne Hathaway, were a major contributing factor in the Goffstown Public Library being selected for this award. Our involvement in bringing the Courageous Community Conversations programs to Goffstown, as well as our partnerships with the other community organizations that worked with us on these programs were also highlighted as reasons our Library was named NHLTA Library of the Year for 2019.”

Photo submitted by Dianne Hathaway
“This award is a great honor for our hardworking team, the Library Board of Trustees, and the Goffstown community. We look forward to continuing to provide a great return on the investment in the Library,” said Library Director Dianne Hathaway.

This award is given to a New Hampshire Library that has demonstrated expansion and improvement of services and technology, expanded services to previously under-served parts of the community, developed partnerships with other libraries and community organizations and has proven value to the community measured by relationships with and support from town officials and members of the community.

In early 2019, the Goffstown Public Library collaborated with community partners to create the Courageous Community Conversations series designed to help us understand many racial and cultural issues, as well as provide a starting point to open up the conversation about race and diversity in Goffstown. Attendance at classes, programs, and events increased 21.2% last year, expanding the Library’s reach to attendees of all ages and abilities. The Goffstown Public Library continues to increase awareness of our community’s needs and interests, and respond to public suggestions, such as adding online resources like Universal Class to provide digital and remote learning options for the community. In addition, each year the Library partners with local organizations, business and charities to collaborate, educate and inform, taking advantage of the available opportunities to share information and provide services to all members of the public. - Submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Director, Goffstown Public Library

CLNH’S Children’s Librarian of the Year

Heather Lindsay is new to the Mary E. Bartlett Library (employed since August 2018), but not new to libraries on the Seacoast. She exhibits a passion for providing quality service to children and young adults evidenced by the number of programs she has developed.

She faced many challenges with this position: a collection that had not been thoroughly weeded in the past, a lack of young adult programming, and a cooperative middle and high school located in a neighboring town. Despite these obstacles, Heather dove right in, cleaning up the collection, adding a significant number of programs, and reaching out to various organizations to increase the number of attendees at programs.

Award-Winning Librarians

Congratulations to Donna Dunlop, director of the Hopkinton Town Library, for being named the 2019 New Hampshire Librarian of the Year by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association! The Hopkinton Town reopened with renovations this summer after a lightning strike to the cupola caused fire and water damage to the building.

Heather Lindsay was named CLNH’s Children’s Librarian of the Year.

Ann Hoey, retired Youth and Adult Services Consultant at the New Hampshire State Library, was presented with the Ann Geisel Award of Merit at the NHLA Fall Business Meeting.
Heather’s most successful program to date has been an anime club for youth in grades 6 and up. She began the program at the request of a young patron and it has grown consistently month to month.

A town wide Google calendar has been spearheaded by Heather in order to reduce the amount of overlap in programming. Eight organizations were invited to the first meeting and all sent representation. This is a work in progress, but we are off to a great start.

We were gifted a 3D printer and Heather set it up, teaches classes in its use, and assisted with policy development for the use of the machine. Patrons of all ages have shown interest and it has become a great talking point for awareness around other STEAM programs.

Heather has collaborated with representatives from the High School, a local teen center, the recreation center, Boys and Girl Scout troops, and the Junior American Citizens, to name a few.

Our website, brentwoodlibrary.org was completely reworked by Heather, creating a more modern feel and one that has been favorably commented on by many.

All of these things were accomplished in a 9 month period of time, an impressive feat in my opinion.

- Janice Weirs, Director, Mary E. Bartlett Library, Brentwood

Staff Changes

Longtime Librarian at Shedd Free Library Retiring

After twenty-five years of service to the community of Washington, Jo Ellen Wright will be retiring from the Shedd Free Library.

Library News

North Hampton Public Library’s Upcoming Warrants for Addition and Renovation

North Hampton Public Library has a shovel ready building project! The Library Trustees hired Ron Lamarre of Lavallee Brensinger Architects, and Bonnette Page & Stone, Contractor, for their expansion and renovation project that will be put to a vote in March of 2020 to fund the project. In recent years the library was part of a campus plan that involved a new library with shared amenities with town offices, and included a new safety complex. That project failed twice to get the required 60% vote, so the Library Trustees listened to the community and decided to expand the existing library with an additional 5,000 square
feet, and renovate the original 5600 square feet, nearly doubling the size of the library.

The addition, which wraps the existing library on three sides will include all the usual gathering places for children, teens, adults and business people, and seeks to welcome library goers into their new community "living room." The project has generated a lot of excitement and support as you can imagine from looking at the "before and after" pictures. The original library was built in 1973 to last 30 years. We are now in our 46th year and ready for a library to serve, renew and inspire our town!

The Library Trustees began in 2006 to prepare financially for a new or expanded library by creating a capital reserve fund with the town, with voters approving 8 warrant articles to raise a total of $800,000 with $200,000 in matching funds and more from the library through donations. We now have a total of $1.1 million toward the project which will cost approximately $3.5 million. We are hopeful that the project will pass since all warrant articles raising funds for the library alone have passed since 2006. - Susan Grant, Director, North Hampton Public Library

The Amherst Town Library offers a new wireless printing solution

The new solution, called Princh, is user-friendly and offers the possibility to print and pay from mobile devices, laptops and library PCs. Patrons just download the free Princh app from the App Store or Google Play. They can also use their laptop for printing, by accessing print.princh.com. New functionality allows payment a credit card or PayPal directly from the app. For more information, read our case study. - Sarah Leonardi, Assistant Director, Amherst Town Library

Innovative Library Programming

Derry held its first Family Place Libraries program

In January of 2019 Derry Public Library received the great news that it had been chosen for a Family Place grant through the Sandy River Charitable Foundation. The Family Place grant enabled DPL to join five other New Hampshire libraries in the national network of Family Place Libraries.

Derry Public Library is now one of 450 other Family Place Libraries throughout the country that share a commitment “to develop and institutionalize a family friendly environment by transforming libraries into community centers for literacy, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community information.”

Library Director Cara Barlow and Head of Children’s Services Ray Fontaine traveled to Centereach, NY in March of 2019 to participate in the Family Place Training Institute. As part of this training, they observed and learned how to run a Parent-Child Workshop. These workshops are the backbone of being a Family Place Library and are held once a week over a period of five weeks. They are an opportunity for parents/caregivers to engage with their toddlers in an informal, play-based environment within the Library. Each week caregivers and children meet and play and are
joined by a different community resource professional, such as a pediatrician, who mingle with the parents and respond to questions they may have.

Family Place Libraries commit to holding this series of workshops at least twice a year. Derry Public Library held its first Caregiver-Child workshop beginning in late September of 2019 with the active participation of 12 families. Local community resource professionals enthusiastically joined in the program. The Derry workshop was visited by a speech and language pathologist, a music therapist, a nutritionist from Hannaford supermarkets, and a pediatrician.

The Family Place Libraries network strives to make its program feasible for libraries of any size, so keep an eye out for grant opportunities. Please feel welcome to visit Derry Public Library to observe our community play area in the Children’s Room or contact us if you want to observe a Caregiver-Child Workshop session. - Cara Potter, Director, Derry Public Library

Learn more about Family Place Libraries. NH Family Place Libraries are: Derry, Dover, Farmington, Hooksett, Keene and Nashua.

Glow-in-the-Dark Fluid Painting at Laconia Public Library

The Laconia Public Library has held glow-in-the-dark fluid painting sessions. Amanda Alwyn, Adult Programming Librarian, points to these instructions for other librarians to use when offering their own programs.
**Conway Public Library Partners with Maine Health**

The Conway Public Library has started a collaboration with the newly opened Adult Day Center. Our Youth Services Department has partnered with a nearby daycare to do storytimes that entertain the audience. We read books with bright colors, then sing songs and say rhymes that rekindle memories for the day-center attendees. The day center has provided a snack of cookies and juice for the daycare, then with full bellies we read and sing, and then the day center has another activity for the little ones. It has been a lot of fun.

Our History Curator, Bob Cottrell, has also done some programs there with items from the past. He brought things both specific to certain residents (kitchen) and general period pieces from 1900-1950. The attendees lit up when they recognized and used the period objects. We are now exploring nutrition and memory, since some of the attendees worked in homes and restaurants. It is great when everyone engages and conversations flow. - Tara McKenzie, Head of Youth Services, Conway Public Library

**Adopt a Stuffy Puppy at the Chesley Memorial Library**

The Chesley Memorial Library, Northwood, celebrated “Adopt a Shelter Dog Month” in October with a new program that proved extremely popular: Adopt a Stuffy Puppy! We provided an assortment of small stuffed dogs and children were invited to attend adoption sessions at the library to pick out a new family member to take home. Once they picked out the puppy they wanted, they took their new friend for a wellness check with a local veterinarian who was on hand to make sure the puppies were healthy before going off to their “fur-ever” homes. Children filled out adoption papers and made their puppies collars with name tags. We plan to hold it again next year with a dog food drive to benefit a local shelter. It was a lot of fun for library staff and patrons and we paired the program with dog book displays throughout the library. Patrons are asking us to hold Adopt a Stuffy Kitty next! - Donna Bunker, Director, Chesley Memorial Library, Northwood
Introducing the Strategy of Sustainability

At the New Hampshire Library Association Fall Business meeting on Friday 11/1/2019 at the Hooksett Public Library, attendees had the pleasure of hearing Rebekkah Smith Aldrich speak to the idea of sustainability as a core value of librarianship. Aldrich is the director of the Mid-Hudson Library System in New York, and a long-time proponent of sustainable thinking in libraries.

What does sustainability mean? Aldrich made a very strong case for sustainability being more than greening your library through what we buy and how the library consumes energy. In her book *Sustainable Thinking* (2018), she defines sustainability as *the capacity to endure*. This is very relevant to libraries as long-time community institutions and partners. As Aldrich states on page 41 of her book, “If we agree that libraries are essential to creating a sustainable community, then our capacity to endure is paramount as well.” Sustainability should be part of every library’s strategic plan. Trustees and library staff should be reflecting on and acting on what their community wants and needs to endure successfully for the long term.

At the American Library Association’s 2019 Midwinter meeting in Seattle, I participated as your NH ALA Council member to approve sustainability as a core value of librarianship. At our recent NHLA Fall Business meeting, NHLA members also approved a resolution about sustainability as a core value of librarianship. There is also a new NHLA working group on sustainability, chaired by Steve Butzel (Portsmouth Public Library).

This movement is about so much more than eco-friendly materials and environmental activism. It is about thriving as communities, with libraries as anchor institutions. Over the next five issues of Granite State Libraries, I’ll share more about Aldrich’s presentation to the NHLA membership, as well as ideas about how to think about sustainability in your library. Change always starts with an individual... consider how you can effect change by becoming more aware of what it means to be sustainable in your community.

**Lori Fisher,** Assistant State Librarian, NHSL, NH ALA Councilor, NHLA Advocacy Committee Chairperson

Resources for further information:

*ALA Resolution for the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship*

*Sustainability: Next, Do These 5 Things* (Library Journal 6/7/2019, by R. Smith Aldrich)

*www.sustainablelibraries.org* (website by R. Smith Aldrich)

*Sustainable Thinking* (2018) by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich – available for purchase through the American Library Association; also available for inter-library loan from the NH State Library professional collections. Contact the NHSL circulation desk at 271-2616 to get on the reserve list.
Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer project

The NH State Library is a participant in the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies second cohort of the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach project.

As part of the project, Deborah Dutcher, Youth Services Consultant-NH State Library will work with Julia Lanter, Assistant Director-Exeter Public Library to develop and deliver computational thinking literacy continuing education (CE) to other library staff in their state, who will in turn provide programs and services for/with youth, especially underrepresented youth. The project is generously funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Deborah and Julia, who participated in a three-day training in Memphis on Oct 30 through Nov 1, will deliver a minimum of 30 hours of training to library staff throughout the state and take part in a virtual community of practice over the next two years.

In 2020-2021, the third and final year of the project, a face-to-face summit featuring all project participants will take place in November 2020 in Reno, NV. At the summit, participants will discuss project successes and challenges and share resources that will help with the development of a resource database focused on connected learning and computational thinking activities that will be shared as a free tool to the library community.

Learn more about the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer project on YALSA's website. To learn more about how the Deborah and Julia will be serving New Hampshire library staff through this project, please contact Deborah Dutcher.

About YALSA

The mission of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens - especially those with the greatest needs - on the path to successful and fulfilling lives. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to www.ala.org/yalsa, or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

About COSLA

COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to provide leadership on issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States.

About IMLS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement.

Transforming Teen Service Trainers, Memphis. Photo submitted by Deborah Dutcher, NHSL
New Library Science Titles at the State Library

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November Early Learning Meet-ups: Curiosity Programming

We are excited to announce a new librarian training program to promote curiosity, inquisitiveness, and investigation within your children’s programs with the goal of teaching children of all ages to ask questions, structure experiments, and discover answers.

The early learning meet-up will cover a short review about research design and how to apply these principles when working with young children to foster curiosity and learning. Attendees will also review professional development materials on integrating STEM (STREAM) in to the 2020 Imagine Your Story theme and will have the opportunity for hands-on practice and role-playing. Upon completing the workshop, attendees will:

- understand the importance of instilling curiosity in young children and how to encourage parents to participate in their children’s learning
- be able to design simple age-appropriate experiments for young children based on related books and activities
- bring two fully designed Curiosity programs back to their libraries

Presented by Bobbi Slossar & Deborah Dutcher, NHSL Consultants. Please register for one of the two upcoming workshops:

Tuesday, Nov 19 from 10:30-12:30 at the Lincoln Public Library

Wednesday, Nov 20 from 10:00-12:00 at the Derry Public Library

Register
Planning & Presenting Early Literacy Programs Using the Mother Goose on the Loose Method

More insight into early literacy has been gained over the past 20 years than ever before. Research suggests that early literacy skills are greatly multiplied by addressing the foundation of the whole child including critical components of safety, physical well-being and emotional and social growth rather than only focusing on academic school readiness skills. Easy to plan and easy to present, Mother Goose on the Loose programs seamlessly combine music, movement, books, rhymes, puppets, and fingerplays in fun ways that address the Whole Child while helping children develop language and self-regulation skills.

This interactive workshop explores the science regarding the human brain and early childhood development, translating it into ways that can positively impact children’s learning and family relationships. Knowledge of the Mother Goose on the Loose theory and method can be easily used to increase family engagement in all currently running programs. Workshop participants receive the tools necessary to plan and facilitate this award winning, early literacy program.

Workshop participants will:

- **UNDERSTAND** the research on childhood development
- **MASTER** the structure, formula, and principles of *Mother Goose on the Loose*
- **LEARN** to create fun, high-quality early literacy programs
- **ACQUIRE** techniques for engaging infants and toddlers
- **DISCOVER** new ways to educate and involve parents and caregivers
- **INTERACT** with colleagues to share knowledge and ideas

Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen is known for educating children’s librarians by combining research findings with practical programming. Based on her experiences working as a children’s librarian in public libraries and children’s museums for more than 25 years, Dr. Betsy believes that the best way to learn is through play. Betsy was recently awarded the 2018 Vattmare Award for Creativity in Libraries and has two new books released this year by ALA Editions.

**Event Timing:** December 17, 2019   9am - 4 pm

**Event Address:** Hookset Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Mary’s Way, Hookset, NH

**Note:** Bring your own beverages and lunch. Please bring a pair of scissors.

*This FREE Family Engagement Initiative Professional Development Opportunities funded by the Endowment for Health*

Sign-Up HERE: [https://forms.gle/MFhJ1WatuiSxypH6](https://forms.gle/MFhJ1WatuiSxypH6)   Contact Deborah Dutcher, Youth Services Consultant - NH State Library at 603-271-2865  deborah.dutcher@dnr.nh.gov
Recommended Book Group Titles

Looking for fresh titles to recommend to your book clubs?

Brittany Shanahan, Youth Services Librarian at the Hall Memorial Library, recommends true crime. She states that the genre “lends itself well to a discussion about everything from mental health to living conditions. The non-murder aspect can allow the conversation to progress without the added heat of victim-blaming.” Her recommendation is *American Fire* by Monica Hesse (2017).

Eileen Gilbert, director of the Belmont Public Library also recommends the nonfiction work, *The Hello Girls: America’s First Women Soldiers* by Elizabeth Cobbs (2017), citing “strong themes of women’s suffrage and patriotism.”

Brittany Overton, director of the Minot-Sleeper Memorial Library, recommends a work of fiction “that weaves two narratives from different perspectives that address cultural differences, current events, and what it means to live in the now.” *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki (2013) received two starred reviews from Publishers Weekly and Kirkus.

Donna Bunker, director of the Chesley Memorial Library, recommends the memoir, *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan (2001), stating that “the ‘contest era’ theme delighted our entire group! It sparked a lively conversation about the way life used to be in the fifties and sixties with some members sharing personal recollections and other members comparing family life in a "simpler" era to family life now.”

Every four years, US presidential candidates file to run in the NH Presidential Primary. Between 10/30/2019 and 11/15/2019, the filing period for those candidates takes place at the NH State House, across the street from the NH State Library. Below is one of the perennial presidential candidates, Vermin Supreme, with our NHSL “stats man” Tim Rohe. To learn more about which candidates have filed to run in the NH Primary, visit [https://sos.nh.gov/](https://sos.nh.gov/). The NH primary will (most likely) take place on February 11, 2020 – the NH Secretary of State will announce the official final date soon.

-Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian, NHSL